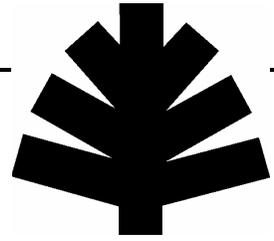


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Hort Hot Spots

October 8 - October 22, 2004

Our horticulturists report that the following plants are especially interesting during this time period. The location charts are in alphabetical order according to the Garden/Collection Name found in the Arboretum's *Visitor Guide*. We invite you to discover and to enjoy these ornamental plants. Please help us preserve these important research and exhibit plants by not collecting any material, living or dead, during your visit.

Administration Building Area

Name: *Canna indica* (Canna)
Description: huge foliage with red flowers
Location: in first grouping of containers on SE terrace of Administration Building

Name: *Curcumorpha longiflora* (Ginger)
Description: creamy white flowers at the base of tall green foliage that look like upside-down pipes with splashes of red and pink
Location: in first grouping of containers closest to Administration Building windows on SE terrace

Name: *Victoria* sp. (Victoria Water Lily)
Description: large platterlike lily pads, some with rims; undersides have rigid framework of veins and thorns
Location: Administration Building aquatic pool

Name: *Sarracenia leucophylla* (Whitetop Pitcher Plant)
Description: spectacular insectivorous plants with tube-shaped white leaves and red veins
Location: SE terrace of Administration Building

Name: *Camellia* 'Snow Flurry' ('Snow Flurry' Camellia)
Description: medium-sized white anemone shrubs to form peony flowers
Location: to the left of the Administration Building near the *Pyracantha* 'Mohave' espalier

Asian Collections

- Name: *Cimicifuga japonica* (Snakeroot)
Description: 2' perennial with stalks of small white fragrant flowers
Location: in the bed surrounding the Garden Club of the America cement patio
- Name: *Aster tartaricus* 'Jindai' ('Jindai' Tartarian Aster)
Description: herbaceous plants with small purple flowers and a yellow center
Location: in the bed located near the parking lot off the grassy path on the right
- Name: *Euonymus carnosus*
Description: small trees with pink capsules red fruits
Location: the first bend on the cement path leading to the Anacostia River's floodplain
- Name: *Heptacodium miconioides* (Seven-Son Flower)
Description: small multiple-trunked tree with white exfoliating bark and clusters of white flowers
Location: on left side of path leading to the pagoda and in China Valley at the end of the cement path that connects to the pagoda path
- Name: *Tricyrtis hirta* 'Miyazaki' ('Miyazaki' Toad Lily)
Description: 2' arching perennial with purple-splotted white flowers
Location: in the beds surrounding the Garden Club of the America cement patio

Gotelli Dwarf and Slow Growing Conifer Collection

- Name: *Pinus sylvestris* 'Hillside Creeper' ('Hillside Creeper' Scotch Pine)
Description: 24' x 6' low spreading evergreen shrub with bluish green needles and very compact foliage
Location: in front of the Conifer parking lot near the Watnong collection
- Name: *Cephalotaxus harringtonii* 'Prostrata' ('Prostrata' Plum Yew)
Description: 24' x 5' low spreading evergreens with dark green color and long-flattened needles
Location: Gotelli Collection bed 6 near the entrance
- Name: *Picea orientalis* 'Nigra Compacta' ('Nigra Compacta' Oriental Spruce)
Description: 30' x 5' very low flat-topped evergreen shrub with short dark needles
Location: Gotelli Collection bed 8
- Name: *Juniperus virginiana* 'Pendula Nana' ('Pendula Nana' Eastern Red Cedar)
Description: 3' x 7' creeping evergreen shrubs with arching branches and bright green foliage
Location: Gotelli Collection bed 5

Gotelli Dwarf and Slow Growing Conifer Collection

- Name: *Cedrus deodara* 'Pendula' ('Pendula' Deodar Cedar)
Description: 4' x 7' creeping evergreen shrub with arching branches and whorl-like needles
Location: Gotelli Collection beds 20 and 24
- Name: *Picea abies* 'Pseudo-Prostrata' ('Pseudo-Prostrata' Norway Spruce)
Description: 18' x 7' wide spreading evergreen with flat branches and medium to short green needles
Location: Gotelli Collection bed 39

Friendship Garden

- Name: *Sedum* spp. (Sedum)
Description: 2' thick high stems with red flower heads
Location: throughout garden
- Name: *Anemone x hybrida* 'Pamina' ('Pamina' Anemone)
Description: low growing large leaf plants with tall pink flowers
Location: backyard near walkway
- Name: *Begonia grandis* (Hardy Begonia)
Description: knee high perennials with red stems and pink flowers
Location: back garden
- Name: *New England Aster novae-angliae* 'Alma Poetsche' ('Alma Poetsche' New England Aster)
Description: multiple flowering dark pink perennials
Location: back garden
- Name: *Ilex* 'Sparkleberry' ('Sparkleberry' Holly)
Description: red berries on small trees
Location: back garden

Dogwood Collection

- Name: *Cornus florida* (Flowering Dogwood)
Description: small deciduous tree with green long oval fruits turning to bright red as they ripen
Location: along left side of the entrance path going into collection and throughout collection

Dogwood Collection (cont.)

- Name: *Cornus sericea* 'Silver and Gold' ('Silver and Gold' Dogwood)
Description: deciduous shrub with numerous yellow green stems
Location: in entrance path to circle facing north; plants on both sides of path leading out of circle
- Name: *Abelia x grandiflora* (Glossy Abelia)
Description: semi-evergreen shrub trimmed to 4' in height with small, dark green, very glossy leaves and small white fragrant trumpet-shaped flowers
Location: around upper circle as a hedge

Holly and Magnolia Collections

- Name: *Ilex* 'Bonfire' ('Bonfire' Holly)
Description: shrubby plants with dark green leaves and red berries
Location: in the bed right by the parking lot on the right side trail
- Name: *Ilex crenata* 'Piccolo' ('Piccolo' Japanese Holly)
Description: dwarf evergreen shrubs with small leaves and black fruits
Location: in the bed right by the parking lot
- Name: *Ilex verticillata* 'Winter Red' ('Winter Red' Winterberry)
Description: shrubby plants with dark green leaves and red berries
Location: left of the parking lot by the collection sign
- Name: *Ilex x attenuata* 'Sunny Foster' ('Sunny Foster' Holly)
Description: small evergreen tree with spiny narrow foliage tinged a slight yellow
Location: in bed right by collection parking area on right side of trail

Perennial and National Boxwood Collections

- Name: *Buxus* spp. (Boxwood)
Description: broad-leaved evergreen shrubs with a variety of habits
Location: throughout collection

Herb Garden

- Name: *Capsicum annuum*, *C. baccatum*, *C. chinense*, *C. frutescens*, *C. pubescens* (Chili Pepper)
Description: over 60 cultivars of chili peppers ranging in sizes, shapes, and colors; colors are yellow, red, orange, and purple
Location: along the Theme Garden walkway north of the Rose Garden

Herb Garden (cont.)

Name: *Aconitum napellus* (Monkshood)
Description: tall plants with dark blue monk hood-like flowers
Location: east side of the Holly Border under the Yellow wood tree and behind the Lespedeza

Name: *Chrysanthemum indicum*
Description: short hardy mums with fall-colored flowers
Location: Asian Garden

Name: *Chrysanthemum pacificum* (Silver and Gold Chrysanthemum)
Description: ground covers with green leaves and small yellow flowers
Location: Holly Border near weeping hemlock

Name: *Salvia* spp. (Sage)
Description: many different varieties of colors, sizes and shapes
Location: Salvia Border near Rose Garden

Fern Valley

Name: *Solidago sempervirens* (Seaside Goldenrod)
Description: spray of bright yellow flowers on 3' plants with waxy leaves
Location: entrance to Fern Valley in the beach area

Name: *Oxydendrum arboreum* (Sourwood)
Description: small tree with remarkable fall colors ranging from dark maroon to pink
Location: southern lowlands trail has trees with pink foliage, others found in Fern Valley parking lot, and across the stream

Name: *Rhus copallina* (Shining Sumac)
Description: large shrub with deep maroon fall colors and drooping red fruits
Location: between prairie and meadow, entrance to meadow, and far end of Fern Valley along roadside

Name: *Euonymus americanus* (Bursting Heart)
Description: 5-7' deciduous shrub, displaying pinkish, warty fruits that burst open to reveal bright red seeds
Location: on the left-hand side before the shed and throughout Fern Valley

Name: *Penthorum sedoides* (Ditch Stonecrop)
Description: herbaceous plants with interesting pink seed-heads splayed along the top fourth of the 2' stalk
Location: multiple clumps found in the entrance

Fern Valley (cont.)

- Name: *Ludwigia alternifolia* (Seedbox)
Description: perennial with small alternating leaves, covered with brown seed-heads with a single small hole at the top
Location: throughout the entrance garden
- Name: *Impatiens capensis* (Touch-Me-Not or Jewel Weed)
Description: prolific, succulent annual, now holding ever-fattening green seed pods; gently squeeze one to see where the name comes from
Location: surrounding the Fern Valley pond and throughout collection
- Name: *Tipularia discolor* (Cranefly Orchid)
Description: dormant until recently, newly emerged foliage has a purplish tinge
Location: not far from the pond, just up the path from the spot where the fallen oak tree crosses the path
- Name: *Epifagus virginiana* (Beechdrops)
Description: this parasitic plant feed on beech tree roots and its 8' tall brown stems are covered with small burgundy flowers
Location: throughout the collection, found at the base of beech trees
- Name: *Pityopsis graminifolia* (Silk Grass)
Description: gray, grass-like foliage, stalks with yellow composite flowers
Location: new planting at the Coastal Plain